

**AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A discharge lamp device comprising:

an airtight container filled with a discharge medium mainly including noble gas;

a first electrode provided in the airtight container;

a second electrode that includes an opening through which light emitted from the airtight container is emitted, that is provided to have a predetermined interval to the airtight container, and that includes a reflective surface; and

~~an insulating holder~~ at least one insulating holder that is externally attached to the airtight container and that maintains the predetermined interval,

wherein the ~~holder~~ at least one insulating holder includes a penetration hole to which the airtight container is inserted ~~and includes a protrusion at a position at which the second electrode is provided;~~ and the second electrode ~~is~~ includes a fitting hole fitted with ~~the protrusion of the holder~~ at least one insulating holder.

2-3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently amended) The discharge lamp device according to Claim 1, wherein:

a length  $a$  of the ~~holder~~ at least one insulating holder in a direction along which the airtight container is inserted is determined such that a relation between length  $a_1$  at a side from which the airtight container emits light and length  $a_2$  at a side at which the second electrode is provided is  $a_1 < a_2$ .

5. (Currently amended) The discharge lamp device according to Claim 1, wherein:

the ~~holder~~ at least one insulating holder is made of transparent material and is formed to have the same length as that of the airtight container.

6. (Currently amended) The discharge lamp device according to Claim 5, wherein:

the second electrode is buried in the ~~holder~~ at least one insulating holder to have a predetermined interval to the airtight container.

7. (Currently amended) A discharge lamp device comprising:

an airtight container filled with a discharge medium mainly including noble gas;

a first electrode provided in the airtight container;

at least one insulating holder that includes a penetration hole to which the airtight container is inserted;

a second electrode buried in the at least one insulating holder to have a predetermined interval to the airtight container;

~~an insulating holder that is made of transparent material to have the same length as a length of the airtight container and that includes a penetration hole to which the airtight container is inserted;~~ and

a reflection member that includes an opening through which light emitted from the airtight container is emitted and that is externally provided to the second electrode.

8. (Currently Amended) The discharge lamp device according to Claim 1, wherein:

said at least one insulating holder includes a plurality of holders, the plurality of holders are arranged to be parallel to one another and corners at a side at which light emitted from the airtight container is emitted are joined.

9. (Currently Amended) The discharge lamp device according to Claim 7, wherein:

said at least one insulating holder includes a plurality of insulating holders, the plurality of insulating holders are arranged to be parallel to one another and corners at a side at which light emitted from the airtight container is emitted are joined.

10. (Currently amended) The discharge lamp device according to Claim 1, wherein:

~~holder~~ the at least one insulating holder includes an empty section that is provided at a side at which light emitted from the airtight container is emitted and that has a width smaller than an outer diameter of the airtight container.

11. (Currently amended) The discharge lamp device according to Claim 7, wherein:

the at least one insulating holder includes an empty section that is provided at a side at which light emitted from the airtight container is emitted and that has a width smaller than an outer diameter of the airtight container.

12. (Previously presented) The discharge lamp device according to Claim 1, wherein:

the predetermined interval is in a range from 0.1 mm to 2.0 mm at the shortest.

13. (Previously presented) The discharge lamp device according to Claim 7, wherein:

the predetermined interval is in a range from 0.1 mm to 2.0 mm at the shortest.

14. (Previously presented) The discharge lamp device according to Claim 1, wherein:

the discharge medium includes at least xenon gas and a fluorescent material layer is layered on an inner circumference of the airtight container.

15. (Previously presented) The discharge lamp device according to Claim 7, wherein:

the discharge medium includes at least xenon gas and a fluorescent material layer is layered on an inner circumference of the airtight container.

16. (New) The discharge lamp device according to Claim 1, wherein:

the at least one insulating holder includes a protrusion at a position at which the second electrode is provided; and

the second electrode includes a fitting hole fitted with the protrusion of the at least one insulating holder.

17. (New) The discharge lamp device according to Claim 16, wherein:

a relation between a length a of the at least one insulating holder in a direction along which the airtight container is inserted and a length b of the protrusion in the insertion direction is determined to be  $a > b$ .